

This brochure lists patient education programs available to Veterans enrolled in the VA Montana Care System.

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# Join the "PACT"!

What does "Patient Aligned Care Teams" (PACT) mean?

PACT is a team of health care staff working with you to provide high quality care. Your core team, consists of your provider (doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant), nurses, clerk and YOU.

In addition to the standard office appointments, we now offer telephone appointments, group classes, and secure messaging (email to your PACT team).

# What is my role in PACT?

Your role in PACT is very important. Do the following to be an active team player:

- ✓ Be prepared for your visit. Make a list of questions or concerns.
- ✓ Arrive on time with proper identification.
- ✓ At check-in provide updated insurance information and any changes in your phone numbers, address and emergency contact.
- ✓ Bring all of your medicines.
- ✓ Bring any forms you would like completed.
- ✓ Contact your PACT with any problems or concerns that arise before and after your visit.
- ✓ If you have access to a computer, sign up for My HealtheVet.

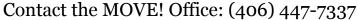
# **EAT WISELY & BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE**

### **NUTRITION CONSULT**

Talk to a Registered Dietician about how to eat wisely to improve your health and feel better. Ask your PACT team or call (406)447-7366.

# MOVE! PROGRAM: STATEWIDE VIA TELEHEALTH

A self-management weight loss program for Veterans that encourages healthy lifestyle changes through goals YOU set. It is not a diet or exercise program. You may choose among weekly and monthly support groups, one-on-one support from Registered Dietitians, Licensed Professional Counselor & Nurse, telephone support, and/or online and printed resources.





### **MOVE! WEBSITE**

# www.move.va.gov

Handouts on many healthy eating, physical activity, and behavior change strategies.



MOVE! COACH APP provides self-managed, weight management allowing Veterans to monitor, track, and receive tailored feedback regarding their progress with weight and exercise goals while controlling relapse triggers and forming coping plans. Available only on Apple products.

# **IMPROVE SLEEP**

## **IMPROVING SLEEP ONE "Z" AT A TIME:**

Having trouble falling asleep or getting back to sleep if you wake in the middle of the night? Ask for this booklet which will give you more information to restful sleep!

### **SLEEP STUDY ORIENTATION:**

This class may be recommended before having a sleep study and can be done over telehealth. This 1

hour class is offered weekly on Thursday and Fridays. Appointments must be scheduled in advance and require a referral from your primary care provider.

CONTACT: (406) 447-7443



The goals of CBT-I are to help you fall asleep, stay asleep, and improve your daytime functioning and quality of life as a result of better sleep at night. 5 week class.

CONTACT: (406) 447-6000

# PTSD SLEEP/ NIGHTMARE: FORT HARRISON

Learn how to reduce PTSD related nightmares. 4 week class. Veterans are encouraged to attend Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia prior to this class.

CONTACT: (406) 447-6000



**CBT-I APP:** CBT-i Coach is for people who are engaged in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia with a health provider, or who have experienced symptoms of insomnia and would like to improve their sleep habits. Available for iOS and Android.

# LIVING LIFE WELL!



6 week workshop focused on improving how you cope with ongoing health conditions.

For more information call: Fort Harrison- (406) 447-6052 Kalispell-(406) 758-2782 or 758-2768 Miles City- (406) 874-5617

These same classes are also offered in YOUR community!
Call to find out about the next FREE class in your area!

| HELENA: ST. PETERS HOSPITAL(406) 444-2389               |
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| PLAINS, THOMPSON FALLS, HOT SPRINGS: CLARK FORK VALLEY  |
| HOSPITAL(406) 826-4811                                  |
| CHINOOK, HARLEM: MSU EXTENSION IN BLAINE COUNTY         |
| (406) 357-2345  |
| LEWISTOWN: MSU EXTENSION IN FERGUS COUNTY(406) 535-3919 |
| BOZEMAN MSU EXTENSION(406) 994-5696                     |
| COLUMBUS AND ABSORAKEE: STILLWATER BILLINGS             |
| CLINIC(406) 322-9969                                    |
| BILLINGS LIFTT PROGRAM(406) 259-5259                    |
| MISSOULA YMCA (406) 721-9623                            |
| MISSOULA ST. PATRICKS HOSPITAL(406) 552-2485            |
| GLENDIVE MEDICAL CENTER(406) 345-3309                   |

# **BE TOBACCO FREE**

# Get help QUITTING TOBACCO: STATEWIDE

VA Montana resource to help guide Veterans through the quitting process and link Veterans with resources to help you quit.

CONTACT: MEGAN SILZLY, LCSW (406)447-6822

# **QUIT VET: STATEWIDE**

A national telephone tobacco cessation quit line for veterans who receive VA health care. Quitline counselors provide: individualized counseling, help developing a quit plan, strategies to prevent relapse, and follow-up calls to help you stay quit. Hours: Monday-Friday 6am-8pm (MT)

CONTACT: 1-855-QUIT-VET OR 1-855-784-8838

### **SMOKEFREE VET: STATEWIDE**

Text messaging program to provide 24/7 encouragement, advice, and tips. Sign up by texting VET to 47848 or text "URGE", "STRESS", or "SMOKED" anytime to 47848 without signing up.



**STAY QUIT COACH APP** is intended to serve as a source of readily available support and information for adults who are already in treatment to quit smoking and to help them stay quit after treatment ends. Available for iOS and Android.





# Take the **healtheliving assessment** to find out

The healtheliving assessment (HLA) is a first step to understanding—and improving—your health. The HLA asks you questions about your lifestyle and health history, and provides you:

- Your "health age," an estimate of how healthy you are compared with others your age, based on factors like your weight, diet, exercise, and health habits.
- Personalized reports on your overall health and risk of certain diseases.
- **Recommendations** on how to improve your health and lower your disease risk.

The HLA is available 24/7 through the My HealtheVet website. It's confidential and takes only about 20 minutes to complete!



# Ready to get on track to better health? It's easy with the HLA:

- 1 Log in to your online account at My HealtheVet (www.myhealth.va.gov). If you're new to My HealtheVet, just register for an online account at www.myhealth.va.gov.
- 2 Click on the healtheliving assessment link.
- 3 Complete the assessment and find out about your health age today!

# **MANAGE DIABETES**

### **ADDITIONAL CERTIFIED DIABETES EDUCATORS!**

We now have more certified diabetes educators to help you learn how to better manage diabetes! Ask your PACT team how to set up a visit! **Or you can call (406) 447-7366 to make an appointment.** 

ASK YOUR HEALHCARE TEAM ABOUT THE **DIABETES BLUE FOLDER.** This folder provides helpful information you need to understand and manage diabetes. Contact: Your PACT team

### **GETTING STARTED WITH DIABETES- FORT HARRISON**

One-time class meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at 9:30am. Learn the basics about diabetes and how to take care of this condition.

CONTACT: (406) 447-7366

# DIABETES YOUR WAY (DYW) - FORT HARRISON, MISSOULA, BILLINGS, GREAT FALLS

This 6 week class series is for any Veteran who wants to learn how to best manage their condition. DYW is highly recommended for any Veteran who has diabetes.

CONTACT: FORT HARRISON: KATHY (406)447-7370 OR KATIE (406) 447-7016 MISSOULA: LINDA (406) 493-3754 OR HEATHER (406) 465-4230

> BILLINGS: HEATHER (406)373-3537 GREAT FALLS: KRYSTAL (406)791-3217

### **DIABETES PHONE CLASS-OPEN STATEWIDE**

Monthly meeting with new topics discussed each month to help you better manage your diabetes.

CONTACT: (406) 447-7366

# **INSULIN CLASS**

Need some help getting started with insulin?

CONTACT: (406) 447-7366



# BE INVOLVED IN YOUR HEALTH CARE

### BETTER BREATHING WITH COPD-FORT HARRISON

Learn how to breathe better, improve activities and increase energy with less shortness of breath. 6 week class - held on Fridays.

CONTACT: JOAN (406) 447-7895

# LIVING WELL WITH HEART FAILURE-FORT HARRISON

Learn how to better manage your heart failure with other Veterans with this condition. This class is offered quarterly and meets weekly on Tuesdays for 6 weeks.

CONTACT: ANNETTE (406) 447-7071



# DOWN WITH HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE-FORT HARRISON

Learn things you can do to lower your blood pressure. 3 week class

CONTACT: KATIE (406) 447-7016

### CHRONIC PAIN GROUP-FORT HARRISON

Learn practical skills to help you reduce pain, increase activity level, and improve quality of life. 12 week class.

CONTACT: (406)447-6000

# LIVING LIFE WELL-FORT HARRISON, KALISPELL, MILES CITY

6 week workshop focused on improving how you cope with ongoing health conditions.

**CONTACT: FORT HARRISON- (406) 447 6052** 

KALISPELL- (406) 758-2782 OR (406) 758-2768

MILES CITY- (406) 874-5617

# **HOME TELEHEALTH**

The Home Telehealth program helps you manage your health care needs in the comfort of your home. Using in-home technology, Registered Nurse Care Coordinators and Licensed Social Workers monitor and assess your health and well-being. The Registered Nurse Care Coordinator or Social Worker serves as a link between you and your Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT). Home Telehealth is currently able to serve Veterans with the following conditions:

- Anxiety
- **❖** Bipolar Disorder
- Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Depression
- Diabetes (DM)
- Hypertension (HTN)
- ❖ PTSD
- Schizophrenia
- Tobacco Cessation
- ❖ Weight Loss (TeleMOVE)

For more information contact Char Christianson 447-7620

# **MANAGE STRESS & EMOTIONAL HEALTH**

### MANAGE STRESS

# MINDFULNESS BASED STRESS REDUCTION-MISSOULA

Dr. Susan Curtis leads a meditation based 8 week course on stress reduction. Mindfulness is the skill of paying attention to the present



moment, which has been proven to help reduce stress, improve coping with chronic pain, depression, anxiety, and PTSD. Come and learn how to feel better through the practice of mindfulness instead of adding another pill!

"This practice of stress management and mindfulness meditation has been one of the most helpful for my stressors (PTSD and chronic pain) that I have found in 25 years of seeking help. I loved this class!" - Veteran participant

CONTACT: LISA OR GWEN (406)493-3700.

### MINDFULNESS GROUP- FORT HARRISON

This group provides the opportunity to learn more about the practice of Mindfulness to help reduce stress, physical pain, depression, anxiety and improve sleep. 8 week group.

CONTACT: (406) 447-6000



MINDFULNESS COACH APP is for people who may be experiencing emotional distress, and for those wanting to maintain healthy coping practices. The app can be used on its own by those who would like mindfulness tools, or to enhance face-to-face care with a healthcare professional. It is not recommended for PTSD. Available for iOS only.

### **EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE**

VA Montana offers groups and individual sessions to help improve symptoms related to post traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, substance use or other emotional health concerns. Individual and group sessions use treatments that are proven to be effective in helping Veterans improve their quality of life.

# For **individual counseling and groups** in your area please call:

- Fort Harrison.... (406) 447-6000
- Kalispell ..... (406) 758-2700
- Missoula..... (406) 493-3800
- Bozeman..... (406) 582-5300
- Billings.....(406) 373-3501
- Great Falls.....(406) 791-3200

# **Individual counseling** provided through telehealth at the following locations.

- Anaconda......(406) 496-3100
- Cut Bank ......(406) 873-9047
- Glendive...... (406) 377-4755
- Glasgow...... (406) 228-4101
- Hamilton...... (406) 363-3352
- Havre.....(406) 265-4304
- Plentywood.....(406) 765-3718
- Lewistown .....(406) 535-4790
- Miles City..... (406) 874-5675



# **VETERAN'S CRISIS LINE**

Talk with a trained counselor at a crisis center about your distress. Includes free referral services.

VETERAN'S CRISIS LINE: 1-800-273-8255 OR <u>WWW.VETERANSCRISISLINE.NET</u> Or visit: WWW.SUICIDEPREVENTIONLIFELINE.ORG

# PRIMARY CARE-MENTAL HEALTH INTEGRATED PROVIDERS: MISSOULA, KALISPELL, GREAT FALLS, BILLINGS

These Social Workers or Psychologists work directly with your PACT to offer short term counseling and support.

Services are available in the following clinics:

- Missoula.....(406) 493-3700
- Great Falls....(406) 791-3200
- Kalispell......(406) 758-2700
- Billings.....(406) 373-3500

### **EGALA: FORT HARRISON**

Equine Assisted Psychotherapy is an therapy option in which the horses serve as powerful stand ins for the people, issues, and challenges in the Veteran's life. The treatment sessions re-create life experiences providing opportunities for Veterans to discover their resources and strengths and overcome perceived obstacles to enhance change and growth in their life.

CONTACT: (406)447-6000

### RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMS: FORT HARRISON

VA Montana offers 2 residential treatment programs to assist Veterans in need of more intensive treatment to manage their symptoms.

CONTACT: (406) 447-6100

# TRAUMA RECOVERY UNIT (TRU)

 $5\frac{1}{2}$  week trauma-focused treatment program. Primary goal is to lessen and manage symptoms of PTSD and prepare Veteran to return home with adaptive skills.

### SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER UNIT

Residential treatment program to help Veterans with substance abuse. Learn skills to lead a life free from drugs and alcohol.

PTSD COACH APP is designed for Veterans and military Service Members who have, or may have, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). This app provides users with education about PTSD, information about professional care, a self-assessment for PTSD, opportunities to find support, and tools that can help users manage the stresses of daily life. Available for iOS and Android.

# LEARN IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME

Ask your PACT (or health care team) about the following resources:

# **DVDS**:

- **\*** Living Better With Heart Failure
- Down With High Blood Pressure
- \* Type 2 Diabetes Home Video Guide: Skills For Self-Care

# **BOOKLETS:**

- **\*** Living Well With COPD
- **\*** Blue Diabetes Folder
- **\*** Living Well With Heart Failure
- **❖ Improving Sleep One "Z" at a Time**

# **WEBSITES:**

- **❖ Parkinson's Disease :** Telephone support group, education videos, many handouts and checklists for day to day management of Parkinson's Disease.
  - http://www.parkinsons.va.gov/patients.asp
- ❖ Learn more about kidney disease: Try out this new VA on-line learning clinic to discover more about kidney disease! Learn more about what you kidneys do, lab tests, medications, nutrition and treatment options!
  - http://ckd.vacloud.us/



# LEARN IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME

# **WEBSITES:**

- Anger Management: Practical skills and tools to manage anger and develop self-control over thoughts and actions.
  www.veterantraining.va.gov/aims
- Problem Solving: Self-Help resources to help with problem solving.
   Includes relaxation tips.
   www.startmovingforward.org
- ❖ AboutFace: AboutFace is dedicated to improving the lives of Veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Learn about PTSD, explore treatment options and, most importantly, hear real stories from other Veterans and their family members. Get advice from VA clinicians who have treated thousands of cases of PTSD.
  http://www.ptsd.va.gov/apps/AboutFace/
- After Deployment: Helpful tips and resources for every aspect of life once you return home. Great website, check it out!
  <a href="http://afterdeployment.dcoe.mil/">http://afterdeployment.dcoe.mil/</a>
- Geriatrics and Long Term Care: <a href="http://www.va.gov/geriatrics/Guide/LongTermCare/index.asp">http://www.va.gov/geriatrics/Guide/LongTermCare/index.asp</a>
- Hepatitis:
  <a href="http://www.hepatitis.va.gov/HEPATITIS/patient/index.asp">http://www.hepatitis.va.gov/HEPATITIS/patient/index.asp</a>
- **VA Montana:** <a href="http://www.montana.va.gov/">http://www.montana.va.gov/</a>

# **VA INTERNET HEALTH RESOURCES**

# VETERANS HEALTH LIBRARY www.veteranshealthlibrary.org

Free access to hundreds of handouts and videos designed specifically for Veterans, so you will have the information you need to understand a diagnosis, make treatment decisions, and manage your health.

### MY HEALTHEVET

My HealtheVet www.myhealth.va.gov
My HealtheVet is an online Personal Health
Record that allows Veterans to become engaged
in their health care, access trusted and secure
health information, and get facts about VA



benefits and services. Your registered account gives you access to tools that will help you track your health measures, such as blood pressure, blood sugar, and weight.

If you receive care at a VA facility, the next step is to upgrade your My Health eVet account to the free "Premium" account so you can view parts of your VA medical record, VA appointments, lab results, and refill and track your VA prescriptions.

To learn more about how to get an upgraded account, contact the My Health eVet National Help Desk: (877) 327-0022 or your local My Health eVet Coordinator: Duane Cunningham (406) 447-7437

# NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH PROMOTION & DISEASE PREVENTION www.prevention.va.gov

Information on various health topics.

# The only health information resource designed for you.



www.veteranshealthlibrary.org

### COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

# **EAGLE MOUNT: BOZEMAN, GREAT FALLS, BILLINGS**

This program has been transforming the lives of people with disabilities. With the help and support of a generous community, Eagle Mount opens up a world of adventures-skiing, horseback riding, swimming, camping, rock climbing, kayaking, cycling, fishing, and more-that foster freedom, joy, strength, focus, and confidence. Set under the beauty of Montana's legendary big sky, Eagle Mount focuses on people's abilities, while gently supporting their disabilities.

CONTACT: BOZEMAN: (406) 586-1781

GREAT FALLS: (406) 454-1449 BILLINGS: (406) 969-2949

### MONTANA PROJECT HEALING WATERS: HELENA, GREAT FALLS

This program is devoted to the physical and emotion well-being of veterans through fly tying, fly fishing and outings.

**CONTACT:** <a href="http://montanahealingwaters.org">http://montanahealingwaters.org</a>

### WARRIORS AND QUIET WATERS

This program helps reintegrate traumatically combat-injured U.S. veterans and active service members from recent wars into society by building hope and resilience, facilitating camaraderie, and providing security and serenity through fly fishing and other high quality therapeutic recreational mediums in southwest Montana. Programs include fishing, skiing, and equine.

CONTACT: (406) 585-WQWF OR (406)585-9793 Or visit: <a href="http://warriorsandquietwaters.org">http://warriorsandquietwaters.org</a>

### **WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT: STATEWIDE**

This program serves veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound, coincident to their military service on or after September 11, 2001 and their families. Offers a variety of programs to support Veterans and families.

**CONTACT: 877-TEAM-WWP (832-6997)** 

Or visit: http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org



### STATE OF MONTANA HEALTH PROGRAMS:

- Arthritis
- Asthma Control
- Cancer Control
- Cardiovascular health program
- Diabetes program
- Disability & health programs
- Injury prevention
- Montana tobacco use prevention program
- Nutrition &physical activity



Contact: 1-844-MTHLT4U or 1-844-684-5848 Or visit: **chronicdiseaseprevention.mt.gov** 

Community Based Programs Workgroup page and interactive map:

http://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/chronicdisease/CommunityBasedPrograms

Community Health Programs Guide:

http://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/publichealth/ChronicDisease/mtccdp225 o6CommunityGuideDesignWEBFinal.PDF

**WHAT IS MONTANA 2-1-1?** It is an easy-to-remember telephone number that connects people with important community services and volunteer opportunities. <a href="http://www.montana211.org/">http://www.montana211.org/</a>

### **MONTANA TOBACCO QUIT LINE:**

Free program to help tobacco users quit tobacco. Provides a personalized quit plan, coaching on how to quit, and nicotine replacement therapy if appropriate.

**CONTACT: 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669)** 

# VETERANS CHOICE PROGRAM



The Veterans Choice Program provides eligible Veterans the option to receive non-VA health care from approved providers in their communities.

# Am I eligible?

Have you been told by your local VA medical facility that they can't schedule your appointment within 30 days of the clinically indicated date or if no such date can be determined, your preferred date?

Is your current residence more than 40 miles from the closest VA medical facility?

Do you need to travel by air, boat or ferry to the VA medical facility closest to your home?

Do you face an unusual or excessive burden in traveling to the closest VA medical facility based on geographic challenges, environmental factors, or a medical condition? Staff at your local VA medical facility will work with you to determine if you are eligible for any of these reasons.

If you were enrolled in VA Health care on or before Aug 1, 2014 or you are eligible to enroll as a combat Veteran, and answered

to any of the questions, you may be eligible!

# How do I set up an appointment?

Call: 866-606-8198

Gather your information about any other health insurance coverage you may have (e.g., employer, union-based health plans)



Call 1-866-606-8198 to make sure you qualify + schedule an appointment. When you call, we will walk you through the following steps:

- You will be asked to enter your ZIP code, and first and last name.
- We will check to make sure you are eligible for this program.
- We will check which of your needs are covered by the VA.
- You will be asked for your address and the name of your preferred non-VA provider. Unfortunately, not all providers will be covered so if your preferred provider is not available, we will recommend other providers in your area.

We will then work with you to schedule an appointment.



This hotline is exclusively for making sure you are eligible for the Choice Program and setting up a non-VA care appointment. If you have questions about other aspects of your VA medical care or want to learn more about enrolling in VA health services, please visit www.va.gov/health.





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